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## FROM GOVERNOR DINWIDDIE.

WMSBURG June 27th. 1754

SIR

Yr Letter without Date I recd. am sorry you have occasion to complain for want of Flower &c it gives me much uneasiness, & have wrote strongly to Maje. Carlyle to prevent any such Complaints for the Future, & I hope you will have no room to complain of Provsions or Amunition having desired that the last may be imediately sent out.—Before this reaches you I doubt not Colo. Innes will be with you, who has my full Instructs. for conducting the Expedition, & a regulantn. in regard to the Comdrs. of the Independt. Compas. which I hope will prevent any murmuring in regard to rank.

I wish you had suspended going to Red Stone Creek till you was joined by the other Forces, being much affraid of a Surprize. You know the French act with great Secrecy & Cunning, & therefore I do not doubt you will be on yr. Guard.—I shall be glad Mr.

Penoney<sup>1</sup> be appointed Adjutant, I have left the Appointmts. to Colo. Innes & on yr. Applicatn. I daresay he will appoint him; & regulate the Affairs in regard to the Regulars working on the roads building Forts &c.—I am excessively hurried with Affairs of great Consequence, that I cannot answer Yr. Letter fully, but be always assured that I have a true regard for Yr. Merit & good Conduct, & I shall be very careful in representing the same

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when I have the Oppty of serving You. I refer You to Colo. Innes, who no doubt will consult in most Things.

I have orderd, two Hhds of rum out, & when in want desire Colo. Innes to write to Majr. Carlyle for more.

I am with Esteem & Respect Sir Yr. Friend & hble Servt. ROBT. DINWIDDIE P. S. The Frenchman You recomended does not appear. Let Capt. Trent & his Lieut. lie dormant for some time. I am well pleasd. to have the Half King<sup>2</sup> my namesake, <sup>3</sup> & my service to him

<sup>1</sup> Peyronney, or Peyronie.

<sup>2</sup> Tanacharisson, the Half King of the Six Nations, assumed the name of Dinwiddie.

<sup>3</sup> The exchange by an Indian of his name with a white man was in token of his respect, and was attended with much ceremony.—BROCK